R.J. REYNOLDS 10BACCO COMPANY

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To:

All Region Operations Managers

All Retail Managers

All Division Sales Managers All Regional Sales Managers

Subject:

RJR Buydown start date 11/24/97

Please copy to all Sales & Retail Representatives asap.... Do not take a hard copy into the stores please.

Ladies & Gentlemen:

RJR's next Wal*Mart promotion starts on November 24, 1997. All RJR sales/retail personnel should take a copy of this calendar in for discussion with the store's department manager for cigarettes prior to the start date if possible.

It is important that they have this info in advance due to the "crunch" around the Holidays and the difficulty they often experience in getting price changes implemented during peak busines periods.

Sincerely, 1221 1222 1223 Marty Washburn 1226 1224 1229 ROM SC Fiori CC: MC PA AVP's 1244 Ŕsm RBM